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CABE 2027 Paraeducator of the Year Guidelines

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) is proud to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of bilingual paraeducators, including classified staff, instructional assistants, community/family/parent liaisons, teacher's aides, and other support staff who serve multilingual and English learner students throughout California. This award honors those paraeducators who have gone above and beyond to support bilingual education and the students they serve. At the CABE 2027 Annual Conference, we will celebrate an outstanding bilingual paraeducator for their excellence, dedication, and commitment to promoting bilingual education. We invite you to nominate a deserving candidate for the CABE 2027 Paraeducator of the Year Award. The Paraeducator of the Year Award Selection Committee will review all nominations and select the recipient.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current CABE member through April 30, 2027
- Must be a California resident
- Must currently serve as a paraeducator (TK-12) or classified support staff members
- Minimum of three (3) years of experience serving multilingual and English learner students
- Must have an educational philosophy and approach that reflects multicultural competency and has high expectations for multilingual and English learner students
- Evidence of advocacy for bilingual/biliteracy programs and multilingual students

Deadline

All entries, including all required documents, must be submitted through the online application by **December 3, 2027, at 11:59 PM (Pacific Time)**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The CABE Paraeducator of the Year Award recipient will be notified by **January 21, 2027**.

Submission Requirements

- A biographical resume, maximum one (1) page
- A candidate statement, maximum two (2) pages, includes the nominee's philosophy of bilingual education, community service, service to CABE and experience working with multilingual and English learner students
- Two (2) letters of recommendation, including one (1) letter from the nominee's immediate supervisor. (Both letters must be dated within one year of the application deadline.)
- One (1) high-resolution head-and-shoulders photo of the nominee (minimum 300 dpi)

Award Benefits Include:

- Recognition at the CABE 2027 Awards Luncheon, Thursday, March 11, 2027 in Long Beach, CA
- An award of \$500
- Complimentary registration to the CABE 2027 Annual Conference
- Two (2) Awards Luncheon tickets (one for award recipient and one for a guest)
- One (1) night hotel accommodations
- A framed certificate of recognition



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